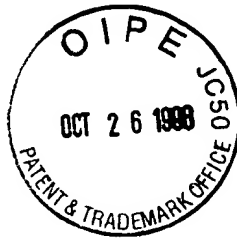


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 23, 1998, please
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Please amend the claims as follows:

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Claim 1, line 4, after "bit" insert --rate--;
line 7, change "a" to --an encoder--;
line 12, before "buffer" insert --encoder--.

Claim 5, line 9, after "encoder" insert --stage--.